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Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"I did not refer to any vacancy. I want to know from the hon. the Home Member whether the Government cannot find an Indian for this work?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"When a vacancy arises, that question will be considered."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I enquire whether when the vacancy occurred to which this man was appointed, an Indian was not found?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"Every aspect of the question was considered then."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—"May I know whether any attempt was made to find an Indian for the post?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"The appointment was advertised."

Alleged payment of increased salary to Mr. Gilbert.

* 143 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Mr. Gilbert, the Superintendent of the Government Press, has been granted an additional salary of Rs. 200 per mensem ;

(*b*) whether the salary of Rs. 1,200 per mensem now given to him is higher than the salary paid to any Press Superintendent in the past ; and

(*c*) if so, what are the special reasons for granting this increase of salary to Mr. Gilbert?

A.—(*a*) The pay of the Superintendent, Government Press, was with effect from 1st April 1927 revised from Rs. 800—50—1,000 to Rs. 800—50—1,200. Mr. Gilbert who was then drawing Rs. 1,000 was allowed to start in the new scale on Rs. 1,050 under the ordinary rules.

(*b*) Rs. 1,200 which is the maximum of the present scale, is higher than the maximum pay allowed in the past.

(*c*) The revised scale was sanctioned on a consideration of the pay allowed to Superintendents in other Provincial Presses.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—"What is the highest scale of pay offered to this post in other provincial presses?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I should like to have notice of the question."

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—"What are the peculiar circumstances under which this able officer, Mr. Gilbert, is given an additional salary of Rs. 200?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"The Government thought that he deserved this salary."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"Without any test please?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"We have tests of our own, Sir."

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Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know what exactly were the considerations which weighed with the Government in giving this gentleman Rs. 200 more ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" We considered the salaries drawn by Superintendents in other Provinces and after taking everything into consideration, we increased his pay."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the revised scale is the same as in other Provinces ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I should like to have notice."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" Arising out of the answer given by the hon. the Home Member that the Government compared the pay that is being given in other Provinces, may I know what is the pay given in other Provinces ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I have already asked for notice, Sir."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know how the work in the Government Press here compares with the work in other Provinces ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Absolutely satisfactory."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" The volume of work, Sir ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" It is more in Madras."

11-30 a m. Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know as to why the hon. the Home Member is not able to give us approximate figures especially when he tells us that the pay of the Superintendent, Government Press, compares well with that obtaining in other Provinces ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" At present it is not possible. If notice is given, I shall be able to give the figures."

Mr BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" Sir, the answer given to clause (c) of this question is 'the revised scale was sanctioned on a consideration of the pay allowed to Superintendents in other Provinces.' In view of that answer may I know why the hon. the Home Member wants notice to tell us what exactly the pay is in other Provinces."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question does not arise."

Motor Vehicles Act

Inspection of motor buses in Chingleput and other districts.

* 144 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : With reference to my question No. 1837 answered on 30th March 1928, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) what is the total amount of fees collected last year (1927-28) for the half-yearly inspection of motor buses and cars plying for hire in each of the following districts :—Chingleput, Trichinopoly, Nellore, Bellary and South Arcot ;